



# The Wildcat Monthly



**SEPTEMBER 2016**

This publication highlights the monthly activities and events that take place on campus and across the state.



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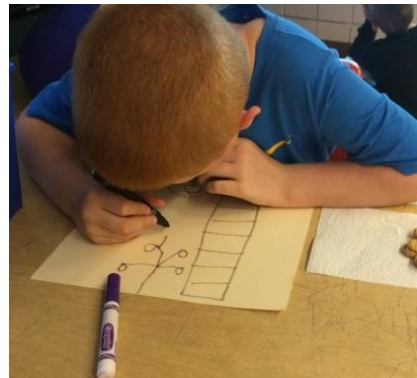
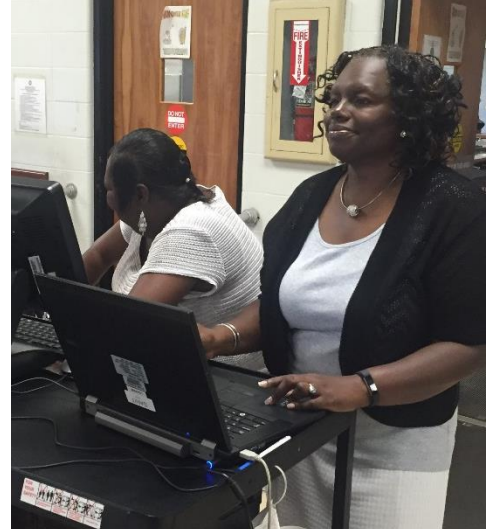
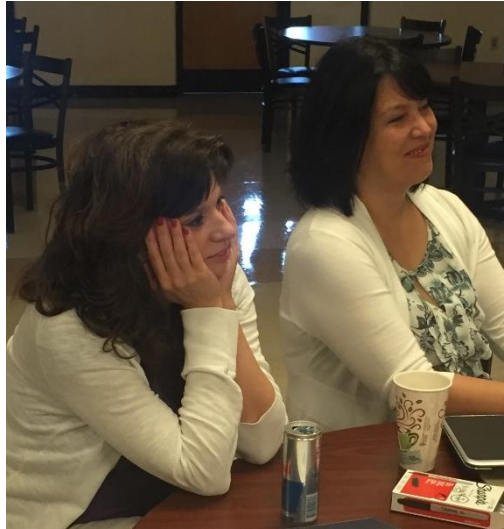
<b>5</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>No School for KSB (Labor Day) (Students return at 4 PM)</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>SBDM Meeting, 4PM</b>
<b>9-11</b>	<b>Fri-Sun</b>	<b>Varsity Track and Field Meet: Nashville, TN</b>
<b>16/17</b>	<b>Fri/Sat</b>	<b>Low Vision Clinic, Ashland</b>
<b>30-1</b>	<b>Fri/Sat</b>	<b>Varsity Track and Field NCASB Conference Championships: Indianapolis, IN</b>

## **OCTOBER, 2016**

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<b>Sept 30-3</b>	<b>Fri-Mon</b>	<b>No School for KSB (Fall Break)</b>
<b>2-4</b>	<b>Sun-Tues</b>	<b>Varsity Track and Field Meet: Columbus, OH</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>KSBCF Golf Scramble, 1 PM Oxmoor Country Club</b>
<b>8/10</b>	<b>Sat/Mon</b>	<b>Low Vision Clinic, KSB</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>KSB Advisory Board, 11:30 AM</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>School Photos</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Bill Roby Track &amp; Field Games, KSB</b>
<b>14/15</b>	<b>Fri/Sat</b>	<b>Varsity Goalball Meet: Nashville, TN</b>
<b>15</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>White Cane Day</b>
<b>18</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Grading Period Ends</b>
<b>21</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>KVEC Fall Gathering, Hazard</b>
		<b>Deadline to register for Family Conference</b>
<b>26</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>KY Invitational Meet (Goalball): KSB</b>

# WELCOME BACK WILDCATS!!!





## LOW VISION

By: Connie Hill, CLVT (Certified Low Vision Therapist)



The 2016-2017 school year starts off with great things for the Kentucky School for the Blind low vision clinic. The clinic has received new devices and equipment such as magnifiers, telescopes, portable CCTVs and supplies for the Transition Dorm. This new equipment will benefit the students of KSB and the students throughout the state who attend low vision clinic. The Low Vision Clinic dates have been set for the year. The clinics will be held in Ashland, Cold Springs, Paducah, Bowling Green, Richmond, Hazard, and Kentucky School for the Blind. We are looking forward to an exciting year!

### **Transition Dorm**

The Transition Dorm has started in full swing this week with nine students participating in preparing for the Independent Dorm either in January or the next school year. The students will have their lessons in one of the Independent Dorms which makes the lessons more realistic. The students have started unpacking the boxes and washing the dishes, pots and pans, mixing bowls etc. The students will have an intense program in learning how to develop a menu, grocery shopping, measuring dry and wet ingredients, using the stove, microwave, oven, blender, crock pot, and following a recipe. In preparing for the year a part of the kitchen preparation is lining the shelves with a dark liner on a white back to add contrast when storing plates and bowls.

(left)

Destiny Gregory lining shelves in the kitchen for color and contrast

(right)

Thomas Coon completes his Kroger card assignment



## SCHOOL PORTRAITS



School Portraits will be taken October 11-14. There will be a make-up day (TBA). Photos will be sent home before Thanksgiving. If you forgot to sign up on registration day, please let Ms. Gatewood know that you are interested in having photos taken. Packets are \$20. These are for K-11<sup>th</sup> grades only. Senior photos are by appointment with Mr. Hulsey throughout the school year.



## ARTS AND HUMANITIES

*Tabathia Roark*

Middle school students will have the opportunity to participate in a three-day dance residency October 18-20 on campus during sixth period. The name of the group is Pilobolus. Follow the link below for more information. As you will see, they are fabulous and very well known!

<http://www.pilobolus.org/about/what-is-pilobolus/>

## ATHLETICS

### Track & Field

September 9-11, 2016 Tennessee Invitational, Nashville, TN

September 30- Oct. 1, 2016 Annual NCASB Conference Championships, Indianapolis, IN

October 12, 2016 Annual Bill Roby Track & Field Games, Louisville, KY

### Goalball

October 14-15, 2016 Tennessee Invitational, Nashville TN

October 26, 2016 Kentucky Invitational Day Meet, Louisville, KY

November 4-5, 2016 Annual NCASB Conference Championships, St. Louis, MO

March 8, 2017 Annual Little NC's Goalball Championships, Louisville, KY

### Wrestling & Cheerleading

December 2-3, 2016 Tennessee Invitational, Nashville, TN

December 14, 2016 Ohio Invitational Day Meet, Columbus, OH

January 18, 2017 Indiana Invitational Day Meet, Indianapolis, IN

January 27-28, 2017, Annual NCASB Conference Championships, Louisville, KY

March 8, 2017 Annual Little NC's Wrestling and Cheerleading Championships, Louisville, KY

### Swimming & Forensics

March 8, 2017 Annual Little NC's Swimming Championships, Louisville, KY

March 15, 2017 Ohio Swim Clinic/Invitational, Columbus, OH

April 12, 2017 Indiana Invitational Day Meet, Indianapolis, IN

April 28-29, 2017 Annual NCASB Conference Championships, Columbus, OH

## **KSB PARENT CONFERENCE AND VIPS FAMILY RETREAT – NOV 4-5 @ KSB**

Space is limited to **50** families so register today!

Conference sponsored by KSB and VIPS (Visually Impaired Preschool Services) for families of children who are blind and visually impaired.

Sessions to include experts on topics such as Independent Living, Orientation and Mobility, Office for the Blind, Michelle P. Waiver and others.

**REGISTER HERE!** <http://www.ksb.kyschools.us/workshops/view.aspx?wid=5>

Contact Mitch Dahmke, (502) 897-1583 x 0204 or [mitch.dahmke@ksb.kyschools.us](mailto:mitch.dahmke@ksb.kyschools.us)

There is a non-refundable \$25 registration fee.

**\*\* Families travelling greater than 50 miles will be offered a 1-night hotel room free of charge \*\***

### **FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4**

4:00-6:00 PM: Registration

6:00 PM: Dinner, Guest Speaker: Kentucky Commissioner of Education, Dr. Stephen Pruitt and Meet and Greet

### **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5**

8:00 - 9:00 AM: Registration / Check-in

9:00 AM: Welcome

9:15 - 10:30 AM: Session 1

10:45 AM - 12:00 PM: Session 2

12:00 - 1:30 PM: Lunch

1:45 - 3:00 PM: Session 3

3:15 - 5:00 PM: Session 4

5:30 - 8:00 PM: Dinner



**CHECKS must be mailed to**

**Beth Baker**

**Kentucky School for the Blind**

**1867 Frankfort Ave**

**Louisville, KY 40206**

**DEADLINE: OCTOBER 21**

## **BOYSCOUTS**

*Stephanie McDonald*

This year our cubs, scouts, and crew will be doing a lot of hands on activities. There are a few items we need, to make this happen. There is no need to go out and buy these items, but if you have them to donate, we will appreciate the help.

Items include: Old candles; Old tin coffee cans; Acrylic paint or wood paint; Sand paper; Mason jars; Stickers

There will be a scout box in the lobby of Evans hall for any donated supplies.

Thanks for your support

## INTRODUCTION TO BRAILLE UEB EDITION

*Hadley Staff*

Would you like to read braille visually? This introductory course presents the fundamentals of the braille code, including the letters of the alphabet, numbers, and punctuation, giving you the tools to communicate in writing with family members or clients who read braille. The goal is to enable you to read and write uncontracted Unified English Braille. To become fully proficient in braille, more advanced coursework and practice is required.

- Course: IBR-123 Tuition: NO CHARGE
- Media: OL or P Lessons: 9 Maximum Completion Time: 4 months
- Credit: 30 CE Hours (30 CE hours approved by The Academy for Certification of Vision Rehabilitation and Educational Professionals (ACVREP))

Students completing the course are required to pass the Contracted Braille Assessment to enroll in "Contracted Braille."

To sign up and access the online course, go to

<http://hadley.edu/ShowCourseDetail.asp?courseid=IBR-123#more>.

## PSSO

*Lyndon Spigel mire*

This is going to be a great 2016-17 school year!

It was nice visiting and getting reacquainted with the parents, family and students during registration day. Thank you to all who joined the PSSO or donated to us.

Last year, the PSSO provided help, funds or supplies for various campus events. We do this with the help of the wonderful parents and businesses that donate throughout the school year. Thank You!

All parents are welcome to the next PSSO meeting on Tues., Sept. 6 at 1:30 PM. We will meet in the lobby and go to a conference room. Our meetings end at 2:30 PM in order to pick up students. We would love your help with fund raising, ideas and suggestions for fun activities for the benefits of all students. We are reaching out to fellow parents to join our PSSO group.

As always, we collect Box Tops for Education and Tyson Support Your School Labels.

## UPCOMING APH EVENTS

### HISTORY OF TALKING BOOKS FOR THE BLIND

Saturday, September 24, 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

People who are blind or visually impaired can borrow "talking books" – audiobooks – from regional libraries through the mail. APH has been recording for this program since the 1930s – and in that time, our narrators have become well-known celebrities. Join us as we chat about the highlights of the last 75 years. Call 502-899-2213 or email [kcarpenter@aph.org](mailto:kcarpenter@aph.org) to register. Best for older children and adults.



## HALLOWEEN MASKS

Saturday, October 22, 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Masks have been a part of many cultures throughout history. Masks made by the sighted usually depend on the visual for their effects, but textures and shapes can convey emotions as well. Museum staff will guide participants of all ages and abilities as they make scary or friendly Halloween masks and headaddresses using tactile materials. Free to the public but space is limited so registration is required. Call 502-899-2213 or email [kcarpenter@aph.org](mailto:kcarpenter@aph.org) to register. Best for children age 6 and up.

## SUMMER HIGHLIGHTS

### KENTUCKY KINGDOM PARTNERS WITH KENTUCKY SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND

*By: Adam Birkner, Kentucky Kingdom Media and Communications Manager*



Kentucky Kingdom is the proud host of this year's Kentucky School for the Blind Summer Works program. In 1994 when this program began, Kentucky Kingdom was the school's first local partner. Nearly 1000 students have participated in the program over the years, including Bo Mullins, who is now a Career Teacher at the school.

Bo had this to say about the program: "The students grow up in environments where they are told they can't or don't have to work. We are helping them learn the skills they need to have a job to be

successful. The students are learning soft job skills, low vision skills and how to educate those around them about their needs."

"We love being back at Kentucky Kingdom," said Teri Ritchie, Outreach Consultant for the School. "There are so many opportunities to learn here because it is so big!"

The two-week training program ends this Friday, June 24. Kentucky Kingdom's Food and Beverage department has extended job offers to four of the students. "We couldn't let them go. They're too good!" said Erin Smith, Revenue Operations Manager at Kentucky Kingdom.

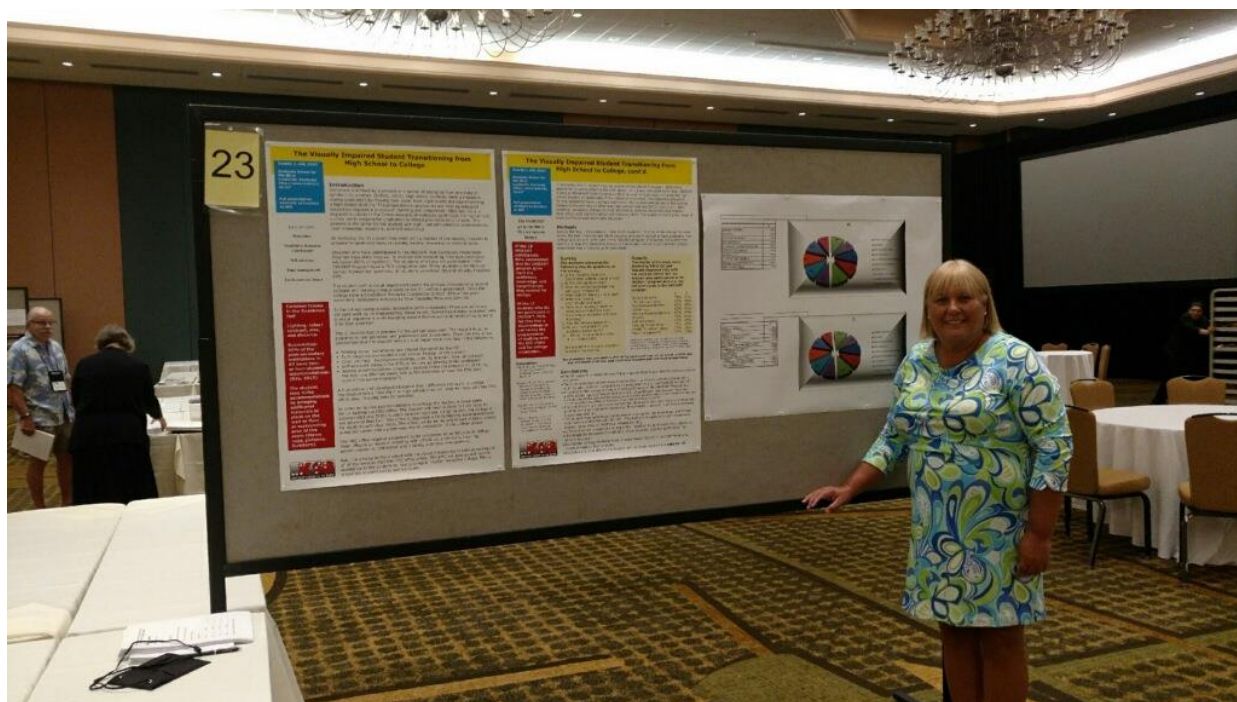
Ed Hart, Kentucky Kingdom's CEO, said: "Kentucky Kingdom prides itself on being a part of the community. Whether it's donating more than one ton of food to Kentucky Harvest, hosting JCP's annual cardboard boat regatta, giving students access to our Education in Motion program, or partnering with the School for the Blind, we will continue to do our part in making this community the home we are all proud of."

Read more here at Kentucky Teacher:

<http://www.kentuckyteacher.org/features/photos/2016/06/no-lazy-summer-days-for-these-students/>

### CONNIE HILL ATTENDS AER INTERNATIONAL JULY 20-24

Connie Hill, CLVT (Certified Low Vision Therapist) attended the AER International in July representing the Kentucky School for the Blind. Connie presented a poster presentation and group presentation on "The Visually Impaired Student transitioning from High School to College". The presentation was based on research gathered over a five-year period on high school students, students who are attending college, and students who have graduated college. The students were low vision or blind they either participated in INSIGHT or did not. The group was sent through Survey Monkey a list of ten questions. The results were to see how many students used the Disabilities Resource Coordinator office, Self-Advocate, and using various technology to succeed in college. The results were if students attended (based on the students who completed the survey) INSIGHT they succeeded and completed college or are still in college. The AERBVI has asked Connie to do some more research on this area and





## LOUISVILLE STORY PROJECT



*“The Louisville Story Program is conducting rigorous workshops with seven authors from the Kentucky School for the Blind to help them develop an anthology of nonfiction. Their stories range across the map: pastoral recollections of rural Kentucky, the travails and triumphs of visual impairment, difficult times as an outsider, hard transitions away from kith and kin, and the community and the path to independence they've found in Louisville.”*

*Publication date: Fall 2016*

<http://louisvillestoryprogram.org/projects/more-than-what-you-see-dispatches-from-the-kentucky-school-for-the-blind>

## INSIGHT PROGRAM VISITS MSU

Jason Blanton, Media Relations Director Morehead State University

INSIGHT, a postsecondary preparation program for high school students who are blind or visually impaired, was held on the Morehead State University campus June 3-11.

In its 10th year, the program is a collaboration between MSU, Kentucky Office for the Blind, Kentucky School for the Blind, Kentucky Education Development Corporation (KEDC), and KSB Charitable Foundation.

An opening ceremony for attendees and their families along with alumni and staff of the program was held at Button Auditorium.

Participating in this year's camp were Callie Boone, Campbellsville; Christopher Popp, Walton; Jacob Hack, Morgantown; Jacob Smith, Bardstown; Jared Simpson, La Grange; Jessica Sander, Walton, Boone; Trevor Gravi, Louisville; Mason Buckingham, Paducah; Miguel Magallanes, Louisville; Willie Barksdale, Owensboro; Jarriel Garcia, Radcliff; Evan Toler, Louisville; Alicia Jones, Louisville; Eric Scott-Rafferty, Radcliff; Hailey Naftel, Bowling Green; Dalton Buckner, Vanceburg; Dylan Glunt, Paducah; and Jordan Morris, Georgetown.

The program is offered to students who have completed the 10th, 11th, or 12th grade and is designed to give them a real world college experience, including living in a residence hall, attending academic classes, and practicing orientation and mobility skills in a campus environment. Although a number of INSIGHT alums have gone on to enroll at MSU, what is learned through the program are highly transferrable college skills that will support success at any postsecondary institution. Additional information is available by contacting Evangeline Day, Disability Services coordinator, at 606-783-5188.



## FORMER KSB STUDENT SANG NATIONAL ANTHEM AT RNC

As many of you may, or may not know, former Johnson Co. student Marlana VanHoose (she also attended KSB centerbased and Short Term programs) sang the National Anthem at the Republican National Convention. (Photo from WYMT Mountain News)



Here is a link to her performance:

<https://www.bing.com/videos/search?q=Marlana%20VanHoose&qft=%20filterui:videoage-lt1440&view=detail&mid=2CC443F4BBBDF0EE6BCB2CC443F4BBBDF0EE6BCB&FORM=VRDGA R>



## PRE-EMPLOYMENT TRANSITION SERVICES SUMMER PROGRAM IN PADUCAH

Office for the Blind students in Paducah participated in a three event summer program where they enhanced their skills, learned new techniques, nurtured relationships and had a great time while expanding their life experiences that will go with them throughout their lives.

### Event 1: Orientation and Mobility

The students learned to call the transit system and inquire about route and schedule; however, we were unable to take the “trolley” because they were not running this day. We departed from the Library to learn skills for street travel.

The students learned how to cross the street safely with street timers and without timers, listen for vehicles and sounds, locate and identify the city block and building numbers, identify items and flavors on the wall menus at the ice cream parlor using monocular, and they counted the change from purchase to be certain it was accurate.

They were taught to orientate themselves by the lights of the earth (sun and moon) in order to assist in navigation.



### Event 2: Let's Go to The Movies

The students approached the booth and requested the headsets for the visually impaired. The cinema staff gave instructions on the device and they learned that it is a very simple device to use. This taught the students that something that they may “fear” will be a difficult task, many times is exaggerated in our own minds. “The only thing we have to fear is fear itself”.

The students found the theatre room for the movie we would be viewing and made their way to their seats using their white canes and some assistance. Their experience with the headset was very positive. The headset gives descriptive narrative on what is happening on the screen; however, the narrative is not constant. The narrative is engaged when the scene is dark, motion is fast, and when there is no narrative only action.







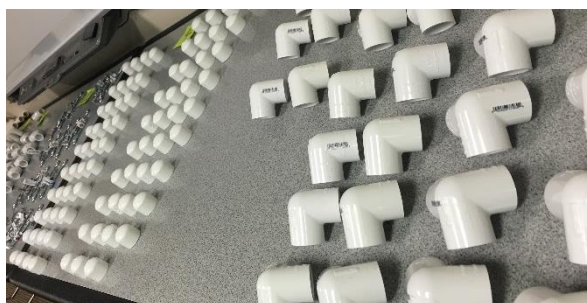
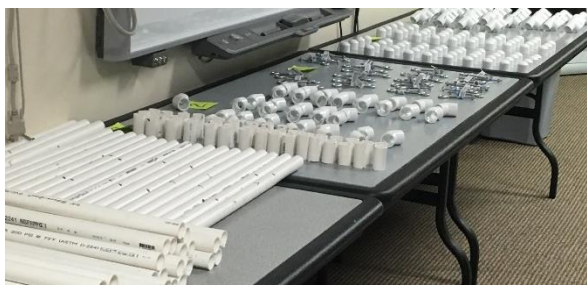
### Event 3: Treasure Hunt Bingo at Walmart

The “Bingo” game was made up of 25 store items that the students had to find using their white canes, monoculars, and iPhones and/or Ruby.

The students were accompanied by their O&M instructor and assisted in travel when necessary; however, the students found the items on their own.

## CENTRAL KY TEACHERS TRAIN ON CVI

On July 19, teachers in Central Kentucky participated in a training focused on strategies for working with students who have Cortical Visual Impairment (CVI). The twenty participants included Teachers of the Visually Impaired (TVI), consultants, and teachers with Moderate to Severe Disabilities (MSD) certification.





## STAFF WORK WITH CAMP ABILITIES IN SALEM, OR

KSB Athletic Director Kyle Sochia and Language Arts Teacher Sarah White worked at Camp Abilities, a developmental sports camp for youth who are blind or visually impaired on July 24-30. This camp was a first for the Northwest Association for Blind Athletes. Follow this link for the news coverage: <http://www.kptv.com/story/32592247/camp-abilities-brings-new-opportunities-to-young-blind-athletes>



## GATEWAYS – AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDERS AND VISUAL IMPAIRMENT

Teachers of the Visually Impaired (TVI), Certified Orientation and Mobility Specialists (COMS) and Service Providers Working with Students who are Blind and Visually Impaired gathered on campus in Louisville for a 3-day training. The first day was on Cortical/Cerebral Visual Impairment (CVI) and the second and third days were on Autism and VI with Terese Pawletko, Ph.D., Licensed Psychologist/Certified School Psychologist/Teacher of the Visually Impaired, Private Practice NH & Maine.



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## **KSB Mission Statement:**

"The mission of the Kentucky School for the Blind is to provide comprehensive educational services to all Kentucky students who are blind and visually impaired, birth to 21."

## **KSB Vision Statement:**

"Empowering Students who are Blind and Visually Impaired to Command their Future"

## **KSB Beliefs**

### ***We believe students who are blind and visually impaired...***

- ... can become college and career ready through world class instruction and services
- ... have unique needs that must be met
- ... have a right to knowledge, tools and relationships necessary to build successful lives
- ... deserve to be taught in a safe and caring environment by competent professionals
- ... are meaningful contributors to society